

10. To subsidise the pilot project on Sea Ranching along Gujarat Coast:

A detailed proposal in this regard is yet to be received from the Government of Gujarat.

11. Terms and conditions of the Model Fishermen Village Scheme:

There is no bar on providing subsidy for construction of houses scattered in a village. However, in such cases, common facilities are not admissible.

12. Fish Farmer Development Agency:

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Development of Freshwater Aquaculture" has since been revised from the year 2000-2001 onwards. The Central Assistance has been increased from 50 per cent to 75 per cent and the unit cost of several items have been revised and certain new components have also been incorporated for accelerated development.

13. Communication System for Fishermen for Disaster Warning:

A detailed proposal in this regard is yet to be received from the Government of Gujarat.

Reduction in Base Rate of Fertilizer

†2040. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced remarkable reduction in the base rate of fertilizers to be given to the fertilizer companies under the reduction in subsidy on the phosphate and potash; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO):

(a) and (b) The base rates of concession announced for the year 2000-01 are lower than the base rates initially announced for 1999-2000. This is so because of increase in the selling prices affected in Budget 2000-01 as well as fall in international price of Di-Ammonium Phosphate and its intermediates.

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